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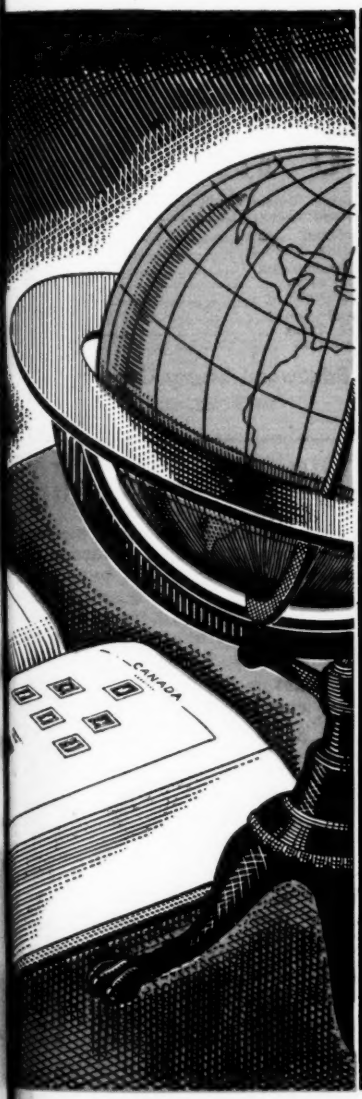

Old and Recent Issues of Current Interest

Selecting the Right Album

SELECTION of the album to house one's collection is a more important matter than is generally realized. We have all seen the results of giving junior an album ruled with spaces for 20,000 stamps when a book with capacity of 5,000 would have been a happier choice. Junior's 2000 stamps spread in occasional spots through a hefty tome impressive for the number of pages without any stamps is a sad sight for junior and those who look over his collection.

The older collectors often make the same mistake. Some of us mount our collections in such a manner they are so crowded as to look like an approval selection. Quite often they appear as if the owner had selected his album blindfolded, without considering what stamps he was going to collect or if specialization was intended.

Its a favorite abili of collectors to blame their troubles, real and imaginary, on the dealers. But in the matter of albums many dealers have a rather weak stock. Poor judgment in stocking albums has resulted in non-replacement of the items which sold and often the customer has only the choice of albums obviously not generally popular. A few dealers have realized the fact that even if an album must be sold without any direct profit, his trade benefits, for every album sold means more stamps to be sold. The smallest buyers of stamps are usually those who never mount their stamps, so a wasted opportunity to sell the right album is a wasted opportunity to increase stamp sales. People like to see what they are buying, and album sales have not been as wise as they could have been if this very human desire was generally recognized.

Its not a simple matter for a dealer to carry albums in stock. For one thing there are so many different kinds, and so many collectors who want something different. Albums are bulkiest items in a stamp store, requiring more storage and display space than other material, but what the average store needs is a well-rounded stock of albums.

The collector who desires special things in the way of albums should realize that he must pay special prices. Often the local printer can fix them up satisfactorily. This is the era of the loose leaf album and there is no need for anyone to have an unsuitable album, for the several manufacturers provide a wide variety of these books.

The pros and cons of ruled spaces, versus blank pages have been discussed for many years. It all boils down simply to the fact that if one is collecting strictly by the catalogue and aims for completion, a ruled space album is the thing. If however, you intend to include things such as shades, blocks, cancellations etc. obviously such a collection would not go in the ruled space album.

More and more collectors are building their collections along original lines. And these too call for care in selecting an album. Much remains for improvement in the lettering of album pages and the ease with which one can improve a collection in this manner is overlooked by many of us.

Maybe the album situation can best be boiled down to the sound advice that one should get his stamps out of stockbooks and envelopes and onto the right kind of an album page. Almost any sort of mounting is preferable to none.

—R. R.

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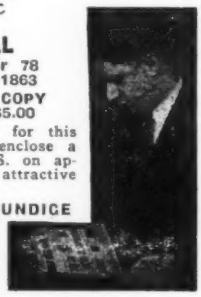

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U. S. Coil Plate Layouts

BY BOB RICHARDSON

THE first method of making coils of stamps was never entirely satisfactory, being somewhat slow and more expensive than the demand warranted. But the increase in use of vending machines increased a demand for coil stamps and eventually the Bureau developed the rotary press method of printing so that coil stamps could be produced by this method. For a matter of nearly six years the rotary presses were used exclusively to produce coil stamps, and until 1920 regular sheet stamps did not appear printed by this method. Even then the ordinary stamps did not commence to be printed generally by this method until about 1925 or 1926.

Coil plates are manufactured in sizes of 170 subjects for sidewise coils, and plates of 150 subjects for endwise coils. Two plates, curved, are fitted around the press cylinder and are printed as the cylinder revolves upon a continuous roll (properly termed "web") of paper. Thus with the rotary coils the pasteup pairs found every 20th stamp on the old flat plate coils are absent. Formerly it was necessary to paste together by means of overlapping sheet margins, half sheets of 200, and these were cut into coils by a special machine produced for that purpose.

SIDEWISE COIL PLATES

These plates are laid down with 10 horizontal rows of 17 stamps each, with no plate markings except a star and plate number. On the first coils, the 1c and 2c 1914-16, the number was placed on some plates above the 9th stamp in the top horizontal row. Then additional lettering such as "S 20" "S 30" and "S 40" were placed above the 10th stamp to indicate plates containing stamps from different dies, what the catalogues call Type II and Type III. Then a star was added to the plate markings, being placed above the first stamp in the top row. Next change was to move the plate number over to alongside the star over the first stamp. Then when producing the 2c 1923 design a plate number without star was added below stamp number 170 (last stamp in bottom row) and since then sidewise coil plates have had two plate numbers, always above stamp number 1 and below stamp number 170. It is said this second number was added at the time the Bureau was making regular sheets from waste coil sheets, the added number being helpful for checking during manufacture.

ENDWISE COIL PLATES

The plates for rotary endwise coils have always been of 150 subjects, consisting of 15 horizontal rows of ten subjects each. The reason for this size will be seen as this number and arrangement of subjects on the plate made the plate practically the same size as the 170 subject plates for the sidewise coils. The plates for both types of coils were curved in the direction of the longest dimension of the plate. This explains the difference in size between sidewise and endwise coil stamps. The curving "stretched" the sidewise stamps from their dimensions of approximately 18½-19 mm. to 19½-20 mm. in width, but their height was not of course altered. But the endwise coil stamps being curved in the opposite direction, we find the stamps of normal width of flat plate stamps (18½-19mm.) but stretched in height from normal flat plate height of 22¼ mm. to approximately 23 mm. That is why the two stamps, apart from other methods of classifying, can always be told by their sizes. The endwise coil stamps it should be noted, measure the same as rotary press stamps from ordinary sheets, since those plates also are curved in same direction.

The sequence in arrangement and location of the plate numbers is about the same with the endwise coils as with the sidewise ones. At first the numbers were placed to left of the middle stamp of the left vertical row (stamp number 71 in sheet), then the S numbers were placed to indicate the experimental plates, then the star opposite lower left corner stamp (stamp number 141), and then consolidation of number and stamp and finally addition of a number without star opposite upper right corner stamp (S10). Aside from the plate numbers there were no other plate markings. Arrows and centerlines were of no use on the coil stamps, as these markings served as a guide for separating other kinds of sheets into post office size panes. The coil sheets were cut into rolls of stamps by machinery which did not need such markings.

GENERAL NOTES

In the coils of sidewise stamps, between each 17th and 18th stamp will be found a vertical line of color, and a coil pair with this line between is termed a "line pair." Similar pairs occur in the endwise coils, where a horizontal line of color is found between each 15th and 16th stamp. This line is caused by the minute crack or more correctly, gap, between the pairs of plates as they are in position on the press. The gap fills with ink and prints the line. It has a practical use as it enables users to count

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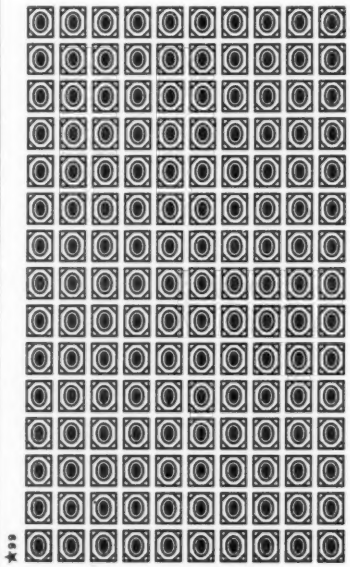
broken coils by simply multiplying by 17 the number of lines they find. If pairs of plates are not exactly aligned when fitted around the press cylinder, the line pairs will show one stamp out of line with the other, sometimes the difference being very noticeable.

Theoretically, if the printed roll of stamps is cut exactly as intended, no stamps would show the plate number. Fortunately, the cutting is such that stamps having a portion of the number on their straight edge margins are fairly common. These plate number stamps are always stamps adjoining the line, and will be found with portions of numbers at top or bottom of sidewise coil stamps, or at left and right of endwise coil stamps. Usually only about one-third of the number is visible, but by comparing this portion with a list of plates known to have been used for that coil stamp, identification



Layout of Endwise Coil Plates

is often quickly and easily obtained. Usually if one plate number stamp is found in a coil, the rest of the similar line pair stamps will also show the number. Since two plates are used, it will be seen that alternate plate numbers are different, thus strips of 18 of the sidewise stamps can be obtained having a different number on the two end stamps and similar strips of 16 of the endwise stamps are also obtainable.

Paste-up pairs on rotary press coils are occasioned by breaks in the roll of paper during printing, when a small piece of gummed paper is used to join the two ends. This should not be confused with single copies with piece of coarse brown paper underneath about one-third of stamp. Such copies are the first stamp in the coil and the brown paper is part of the coil wrapper, a long strip of brown paper which has imprinted upon it the number and denomination of stamps in the coil.

Coil stamps have been issued in sheets, and blocks with coil plate numbers in full are known. These occurred through the practice of the Bureau during the years 1919-

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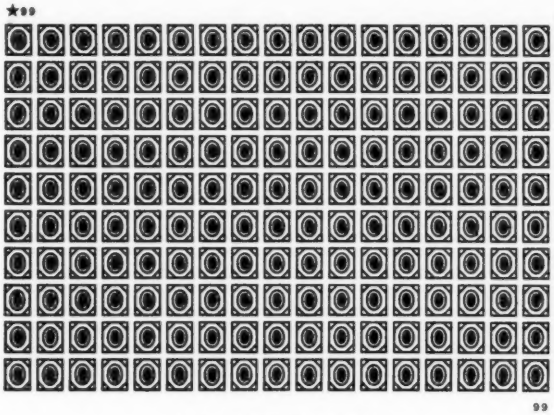

Layout of Sidewise Coil Plate

1924 of taking waste sheets of coil stamps left over from the web, cutting these into sheets of 170, 70 or 100, and issuing them to the public. If the waste was imperforate, it was perforated with the current gauge machine; if perforated in one direction it was perforated in the other direction, with the result these stamps (Scott's 538-539, 545-546, 598-579, 594-595) are perforated 11 or 10 or combinations The plate number was not trimmed off these sheets.

Some explanation of the 1c and 2c 1914-15 flat plate in blocks with large imprint "COIL STAMPS" in margins is no doubt necessary here. In preparing flat plate coil stamps, special plates were not made at first, but eventually, a slightly different spacing in part of the plate was adopted. But with introduction of rotary press coils the Bureau put to use the remaining, and now otherwise not usable special flat plates, by printing ordinary stamps from them. The imprint was presumably to warn operators of machines not to use the printed sheets of 400 for cutting into post office panes, as the difference between the two kinds of plates was not readily discernible, being only the spacing between panes.

Coil stamps it might be noted are invariably perforated a coarser gauge than sheet stamps, due to desire to prevent separation of stamps too easily.

Canada and Britain Consider "All-out" Commemoratives

Unofficial reports that Great Britain and Canada are each contemplating issuance of stamps in connection with the "all-out" United States aid for the British Empire, are recorded by the New York Times. The British issue would typify the friendship between the two countries and Canada has contemplated a similar design to be included in a new regular series depicting scenes in the Dominion's history.

● Additional navy post offices have been ordered established as branches of New York, N. Y. as follows: USS Ericsson, USS North Carolina, USS Enterprise, USS Greene and USS Eagle 55. The Torpedo Squadron Six Branch has been discontinued.

● In Spain at first carriers collected an additional 5 centimos upon delivery of a letter, in addition to the usual postage.

Russian Victory Commemorated

The New York Times states that the Soviet Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs has announced intention to issue a series of stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of the capture by Russian forces of the Turkish fortress of Ismail, near the mouth of the Danube on December 22, 1790. The site is within territory returned by Roumania last year. The Soviet also announced issuance was contemplated of stamps to commemorate 15th anniversary of annexation of Kirghiz Province and also the anniversary of cession of Karelia by Finland. The Ismail issue will depict a marshal of Czarist times in full uniform, which may be taken as indicative of trend of thought in Moscow these times.

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THE BIG INNING

We have a right to the title of this column since our dear mother was born in the district in which the song entitled 'The Side-Walks of New York' was cradled and dedicated. It was a delight to hear her tell stories bandied about the then small town involving the now legendary Steve Brodie, Tim Sullivan, Silver Dollar Smith, Diamond Jim Brady, Teddy Roosevelt and so many others. It was recently mentioned in a magazine that we began collecting stamps at the age of seven, and still regret having wasted seven perfectly good years. It was only natural that in such surroundings we were brought up with an innate and intimate love for anything New Yorkese and early American. What better media could one eventually turn to in order to satisfy an insatiable thirst for data and detailed evidence of Yore days and Mine? Our patrol or pavement pounding as a reporter over a span of years only abated the philatelic fervor all the more, so that when a derelict was found dead in a Bowery Mission, and among his belongings was contained a few philatelic items, it led us to more conjectures than when a wealthy financier suddenly decided to exhibit his material for promise of an award. Perhaps we've stuffed ourself on Hubbard, O'Henry and Balzac with the unbecoming appetite of a gourmand, but stamps have always signified human interest and a humane touch involving that dash of bathos and pathos so necessary to inspire fascination. We've handled more columns than Samson in the past decade and have crashed more verbiage than the average from Broadway material right down on through humor, poetry and hobby fields of daisies. George Linn in our opinion deserves more than passing recognition from all of you fifteen thousand readers out there, for thinking enough of your interest, his magazine and yours truly by cementing this amelioration. He is probably the first publisher of a stamp magazine who will remunerate a staff representative with a regular stipend!

WE'RE BANKING ON HOBBIES

One of the finest concerted efforts involved in a Hobby Show was very well represented by The Chase National Bank and all of its respective branches. Edwin E. Elkins promoted the idea, and supervised a gratifying undertaking. The publication issued by that banking institution carries a graphic description of the entire affair, and is well dotted with exquisite photographs. Ed Elkins is considered one of the out-standing philatelists hereabouts, and yet above all things, Ed's exhibit comprised a display of EMPTY beer steins.

OUT WHERE THE QUEST BEGINS --

A friend wrote in the other day, and more because of the gag it agitated, he inquired if it was advisable to spend so much as ten thousand dollars and one cent for a stamp. The immediate reply sent post haste contained a caution for him to make sure that the stamp was worth the extra penny.

BIPEX.

The Bronx County Stamp Exhibition to be held soon, and scheduled in any list of coming events, will without question prove to be the biggest endeavor of any single stamp club here in the East, this year. The spot in which it will be housed is fitting tribute and presents a very appropriate setting for the material displayed. The best is none too good, and it is such gestures that create interest in Philately!

SUITS ME!

The mention of the hat given free with every suit of clothes by the Bond Clothiers, a chain of stores here in Manhattan, evinced a rather jocular rejoinder from Craym of The Bond Stamp Company. He speculates that a lot of people would go without hats if they had their choice of a suit and a package of stamps worth five dollars instead of the head-gear. Hope some folks don't just decide to take the hat and the stamps, and forego the suit.

JITTER-BUG STAMP COLLECTORS.

Merkur and Berger of The All Boro Collectors' Club have cooked up another dinner and dance occasion at one of those fashionable Radio City eatery places. The club consists of some sincere philatelists and much of their activities have always been original and new. This added dancing feature, however, is another angle. It is understood that Eugene Grezzi will do an old fashioned waltz with his Canal Zone Collection.

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THE BOYCE WITH A SMILE.

John Boyce, one of the members of the Balisea, has been on the sick list for a while. John, besides being a collector of stamps whereon birds are featured, also has a collection of friends that few folks can equal. It is agreed that the well wishes of all those friends just wouldn't permit the cheery Boyce to even contemplate being sick.

ON THE SQUARE!

Readers of the Linn publications interested in obtaining current copies of the issues, and backnumbers also beginning with this one, will now find they can conveniently acquire same from The Times Building News-Stand, Inc., located in the lower section of New York's famous Times Square building!

SQUARE DEALER!

G. L. Habbart of Troy, New York, has purchased an interest in the Ferris Stamp Store in Albany, New York. Habbart, it will be remembered has been interested in compiling Civil War patriotic envelopes.

A CANCELLED SPANKING!

A few of the Metropolitan stamp editors had best look to their laurels or else share their salaries with the chappie who attributes claim to supplying them with ideas for their weekly page presentations. Sounds foolish, but some folks are apt to believe the audacious one's mouthings.

DEBONAIR HARRY!

The Strauss Boys look more like brothers than father and son. Complacent Harry Lee Strauss surprised a coterie of stamp collectors the other evening by ordering up the largest and strongest cigar available, in true Fifth Avenue style. Harry in case you do not know already, is launching out into the stamp business with a rather modest office right in the midriff of Fifth Avenue.

BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE.

By the time you read this that swell fella Burnes Solomon who is affiliated with the New York City Department of Hospitals, will have returned from a tour to Bermuda. A card from Curacao, and picturing the de luxe steamer S. S. Santa Rosa, made many of us just a trifle envious of a stamp collector who had to take such an extensive trip on matters of business.

A PHILATELIC MAESTRO!

It was a privilege to inspect pages of the advance copy being prepared for manuscript form of the Mason's Essays, and readied by the benign Clarence Brazer. It not only requires the touch of a master, but also a sincere love for philately such as philatelist Brazer does truly possess!

SAME NAME!

A humorous incident occurred the other evening at a local stamp club. One of the members mentioned that he had served with Lawrance. A few of the attentive listeners with historical headlines still fresh in their minds, inquired, "With Lawrance in Arabia?" to which the narrator retorted, "No with Doc Lawrance in Bipex."

COVER CAVALCADE!

You have probably read mention of Joseph Strauss for his wide range of knowledge pertaining to old Americana covers. Oddly enough, Joe Strauss is not related to his contemporary brother philatelist Harry Strauss. The Strauss Special Service has just issued a rather inviting list of stampless covers which comprises many items of historic value. He will no doubt send you a copy for a stamped and addressed envelope!

A BUSY STAMP DEALER.

Frank Knina deals exclusively in foreign material, and he has just issued quite a replete catalogue covering his varied line of stamps, which is no doubt available on inquiry to his office at 48 West 48th St. The versatile Frank is without question one of the most energetic dealers in the city, and possessed of initiative in creditable style. One meets him and representative supplies of his stock almost everywhere in town.

Nicaragua Admits It

That sale of Nicaraguan postage stamps has become "an important item in this country's revenue" was admitted by Dr. Ramon Sevilla, Minister of Finance of the country, and the *New York Times* quotes him as promising "appropriate stamps" would be issued in the future. A Philatelic Section corresponding to a philatelic agency has been established at Managua.

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Perfs and Imperfs

THIS WEEK DR. W. L. BABCOCK COMMences an occasional brief column reviewing auction prices. Well versed in U. S. stamps and the market on both sides of the Atlantic, he is certain to supply timely quotations. Those of our advertisers who conduct auctions would assist by sending priced catalogues direct to Dr. Babcock as promptly after the sale as possible.

THE RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY HAS introduced a special "First Flight cover" for Air Express shipments forwarded by inaugural flights from new airports. The agent at Hutchinson, Kansas writes that cost is $1 if addressed to any airport city in the U. S. ($1.25 if no local cow pasture has been converted). Size is 4x4 inches and even autographs are promised, but alas this has nothing to do with stamps or postal functions.

IT MUST BE WITH COMPLETE UNDERstanding that the peoples in former Czechoslovak, Roumanian and Jugoslavian territories look at the double cross on the Hungarian postage stamps they now use.

IN THE SUBSCRIPTION RATES QUOTED in a German dealer's magazine recently received was this one "Grossbritannien Sh. 10/-". We wonder if they've received any of those subscriptions lately?

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR SUBSCRIPtion to The Collector yet? In a few days the first number will be in the mails and you might as well start off with Number One. There's a coupon on last week's back cover of LWSN and the thing to do is clip it now.

BARTLETT, OHIO, SUFFERED A DISASTrous fire the night of April 14 and the radio broadcaster mentioning the post office was among places destroyed we hastily sent off several covers to the unfortunate postmaster to see what kind of a provisional cancellation (if any) was employed. Back came the covers in a couple days with impressions of the double-line oval seen on registered matter at most post offices. No town or state name and no date! We suppose the gentleman borrowed it from some nearby office, as it isn't likely only this marking would have survived the bonfire.

WE WONDER IF ANY COLLECTORS have ever been stung trying to buy well centered stamps at the Bumble Bee, Arizona post office?

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HELD BROTHERS
1941 73rd St. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Our Chicago Letter

The Chicago Philatelic Society recently held a "OTHER HOBBY NIGHT" which proved to be one of the most interesting meetings staged for some time. Postage stamps were "taboo" for the evening and gave way to tobacco tags, match box covers, swizzle sticks, beer steins, moving picture advertisements, salt and pepper shakers, photographs, etc. Prizes were awarded. Now we know what our fellow collectors do with their spare time. A good idea for other clubs.

The contest to obtain a design for the 1941 "INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC WEEK" label started off in good shape. Almost before the news releases were published two sketches were received. The Central Federation of Stamp Clubs (Chicagoland) is hopeful for lively competition for the engraved plaque to be awarded the winner sending in the design selected as the best.

Considerable interest in the "Knapp" collection was displayed by Chicagoland collectors, many of whom spent the greater part of the two days looking over box after box of unusually interesting covers and books of auction lots. Several of the Chicago boys are going to New York for the auction and it is very likely that some of these beautiful lots will find their way into Chicagoans collections.

While looking through some of the effects of the late Dr. Iver Johnson the following interesting booklet came to light. "Program-23rd Annual Convention of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION" Columbus, Ohio, week of July 20, 1908. (The American Philatelic Association was later changed to American Philatelic Society). The program in question was printed by George W. Linn, Clinton Bldg., Columbus, Ohio. Part of Barney Voorhee's ad reads "the successful 24 sales I have held should convince you that it will pay you to write me now." Our mutual friend Barney's next sale will be his 314th-and time marches on.

The "STRAIGHT-EDGE" official journal of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Chicago, continues to crowd many interesting facts into its several pages. The journal always has a straight edge copy of a stamp affixed to the first page. Hence its name. With the April issue comes a copy of the "Second Chicago STAPEX" label picturing the "penny Black" and the 5C 1847 U. S. stamp. L. E. Van Reeth, the editor, deserves much credit.

Always glad to hear from my Chicagoland friends and to receive news items pertaining to philately in Chicagoland.

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U. S. Auction Prices

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H. R. HARMER, INC. sale of March 31st and April 1st of several hundred wholesale lots, collections, and a few single stamps. Floor bidding was snappy and most of the lots did not leave the city. On many of the composite lots, estimates of value were made which, in many instances, were exceeded in the bids. Sales description of these lots is difficult as most lots of multiples were described as average, good to fine, or fine. The lots quoted may be thus considered. 46 copies of the 1c, Scott's #32d, estimate $35.00, @ $46.00. 22 copies of 10c green Imperf., Types A and B Est. @ $45, @ $57. #47 and #48a mixed, 14 copies, Est. $25, @ $29. Some of these stamps contained minor defects. Some of the lots, particularly of the cheaper stamps, were described as containing many unusual cancellations. The percentage of catalog received on the average lots, even those containing some defective stamps, ranged from one-fifth to one-half, which was somewhat dependent on the retail demand. For example, the Columbians, dollar values of 1894-5, ditto of 1903, the dollar values, Omaha, with other similar but scattered items, brought the maximum multiple lot prices. Total sales approximated $6,000.

February 29 At Canal

February was a day longer at the Fort Davis post office in the Canal Zone. Harold B. Davis of Verona, N. J. (who is no relation to the Fort) sends a clipping from the *Newark Evening News* which illustrates the February 29 cancellation on a letter recently received by a non-collector at Irvington, N. J.

● The president of Pondicherry Stamp Club was boasting: "The great advantage of our club is that every member has a chance to learn how to speak on his feet."

"Isn't that a rather odd subject," said a bright young thing.

Electric Eye Special Delivery Plates

With two exceptions, all new plates produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing during March for the Post Office Department were for Postal Savings stamps. The exceptions were plates 22738-39 which were normal 200-subject rotary press plates of the 10c Special Delivery with electric eye convertible markings. These are first electric eye plates for this stamp, but they had not gone to press by end of the month.

The Postal Savings plates are as follows, all 400-subject rotary press electric eye convertible except the $5 which are 100-subject flat press plates: 10c 22714-15-22-23, 25c 22716-17-24-25, 50c 22718-19-26-27, $1 22720-21-28-29, $5 22730-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-40. Two plates each of the 10c, 25c, 50c and $1 were sent to press: 10c 22714-15, 25c 22716-17, 50c 22718-19, $1 22720-28. All plates of the $5 except 22740 were sent to press. The large number of $5 plates is explained by the fact that four plates are used on each flat bed press, while a rotary press only needs two plates.

Though the Postal Savings stamps are not postage stamps it has been customary since the first issues to include their numbers in the postage stamp issues.

National Airport Cachet

The new Washington National Airport will be opened in the near future the Post Office Department announces and an official cachet will be provided for application to air mail covers on the opening day. Collectors are advised to send their covers now to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C. as there probably will be insufficient time after definite date is set. Covers for cachets must have left side of face of cover clear, bear air mail postage and may be addressed to anyone at any city. All will be flown from the Port on opening day. Covers will be postmarked at the air field post office station.

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16	.05	54	.06			100	.02	134	.15	171	.01	203	.05	C20	.70	O36	.12	O71	.03
21	.11	55	.40			101	.03	135	.15	172	.05	203*	.05	O8	.12	O37	.06	B5*	2.00
22	.07	58*	.18			102	.02	137	.12	173	.13	204	.07	O9	.65	O38	.20	B6*	.60
24	.05	59*	.22			104	.02	138	.15	174	.22	204*	.07	O10*	.12	O39	.09		
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NOTE: We apologize to Mr. Roberts. It appears that in the past few issues of this column, either we or the composing department (perhaps both of us) made the mistake of crediting Mr. R. Roberts with furnishing certain data that he did not send. Said data was information on stamps from "enemy" countries, so far as the British are concerned. In so doing we have caused Mr. Roberts embarrassment and offer this explanation to clear Mr. Roberts of any blame. The credit line below each article is on a separate slug and can be easily inserted below the wrong item in the make-up of the page. Further, we could, out of force of habit, written his name below some item received from some other source.

BOLIVIA—Commemorative. Horizontal rectangular format, perf. 10½, unwmkd. Central design shows Pedro Domingo Morillo seated in a prison cell dreaming of his conquest. In panel across the top are words "CORREOS BOLIVIA" and across the bottom "1810 45 CENTAVOS 45 1940"; The stamp probably commemorates the 130th anniversary of his death as he was executed January 10, 1810:

45c—deep carmine

(The Stamp Mart)

BRUNEI. Color Changes. Also change in design for one value and a new value added to the current set.

2c. will be orange
6c. will be gray
8c will be red and design changed to oblong one showing Brunei town.
15c blue in Brunei town design will be added.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

FRANCE—Semi-Postal. National Security. Horizontal rectangular perf. 13, unwmkd., engraved:

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2.50—fr. plus 7.50 fr. blue (Allegorical, France aiding a man)

(The Stamp Mart)

GERMANY—Vienna Fair. Upright rectangular format, perf. 14. Each value is allegorical in design and the line of wording across the bottom is different on each stamp. For example on one "Vienna the Gateway to the Southeast," on another "Vienna the City of Culture," etc.:

3pf. brown (Vienna the City of Fashion)
6pf. emerald green (Vienna the City of Fairs)
12pf. orange red (Vienna the City of Culture)
25pf. deep ultramarine (Vienna, the Gateway to the Southeast)

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ROUMANIA—Postage. Small upright rectangular format, perf. 14, unwatermarked. Numerals of value in center at bottom:

20L. sepia (King Michael)
30L. green (same)
50L. deep olive (same)
100L. deep red-brown (same)

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SARAWAK—Color Changes. Unwmkd., perf. 12, same as before:

A19— 2c. black
A19— 3c. dark green
A19-- 6c. red-brown
A19— 8c. deep carmine
A19—12c. orange
A19—15c. deep ultramarine

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Additional Air Mail Pickup Routes In Ohio

All American Aviation, Inc., has requested permission of the Civil Aeronautics Authority at Washington to extend its pickup air mail service to 67 more cities in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. Proposed route 49-C would be from Pittsburgh, Pa. to Columbus, Ohio via Beaver Falls, Ellwood City, Newcastle and Sharon, Pa. and these Ohio cities and towns: Youngstown, Niles, Warren, Ravenna, Salem, Alliance, Canton, Massillon, Ashland, Shelby, Mansfield, Galion, Bucyrus, Marion and Delaware. Route 49-G would be via these towns between the same two terminal cities: E. Liverpool, Carrollton, Dover, New Philadelphia, Coshocton, Cambridge, Zanesville and Newark, all in Ohio. Route 49-G would also operate beyond Columbus to Cincinnati via Lancaster, Circleville, Chillicothe, Washington Court House, Wilmington, Xenia, Middletown and Hamilton.

Another route is planned extending from Pittsburgh north to New York state points, but complete list of towns is not stated. No announcement has been made of arrangements, if any, for handling first flight covers.

Auction Calendar

April 28-29—U. S. Proofs, essays, foreign. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York City.

May 5 to 10—The Edward S. Knapp Collection of U. S. Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 30 E. 57th St., New York City.

May 6-7—U. S. and Foreign. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

May 12-13—Dr. Boulenger Collection, etc. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York City.

May 15—U. S. Sale. Wakonda Stamp Co., Box 1792, Dept. 52, Denver, Colo.

May 17—Mail Sale U. S. and Possessions. R. J. Lewinson Co., 525 West End Ave., New York City.

May 20—Mail Sale of U. S. and Br. North America. Fred E. Farnham, 1123 Lafayette Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

May 20—Second portion Browne estate. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

May 20—General foreign. L. Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Michigan.

Early Rarities

Two outstanding groups in the Edward S. Knapp collection, according to a statement issued by the Philatelic Research Laboratories, include the United States stamps of the 1851-6 and the 1869 issues. Here again Mr. Knapp collected the finest material available, all of it of the highest philatelic significance.

The first section includes a first-day cover of the 1-cent 1851 postmarked New York. Also included is a used strip of six of the 5-cent 1856 in perfect condition. According to Mr. Knapp's notes, this is the largest piece ever found. In the 1869 section are superb examples on cover of every value except the 90-cent. The latter, of course, is not known genuinely used on cover. The collection contains scores of beautifully cancelled copies of the 1869 stamps, both on and off cover, which almost completely illustrates the many uses to which this short-lived but enormously interesting issue was put.

KenMore Katalog Changes

The following are the changes announced for the KenMore Katalog for April. Listings of new issues will be found in the monthly KenMore Kollector.

No.	Mint	Used
CANADA		
16		25.00
125	.08	
131	.03	
134	1.25	1.25
205	.03	
207	.05	
228	.03	
FALKLAND		
16	1.50	1.50
GREAT BRITAIN		
254	.08	
257	.12	
NEWFOUNDLAND		
197		.75
NEW ZEALAND		
SP16	.06	
SP17	.12	
NIUE		
73		.40
74		.80
75		1.20
ST. HELENA		
27		.50
ST. SETTS		
240	.06	
N. SEMBILAN		
22	.06	
PAHANG		
30	.06	
PERAK		
70	.06	
SELANGOR		
46	.06	

● The first issue of British Solomon Islands was not pleasing to the Resident Commissioner, who upon learning that the colors were not proper Postal Union ones, announced that upon exhaustion of the one small printing a new set would be prepared.

British Colonials

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Victoria

Kenmore's (except those marked S.G.) Nos.

S.G. 8	1p brown red	$20.00
S.G. 14	1p orange red	15.00
S.G. 17	1p dull red	8.50
S.G. 18	1p deep red	15.00
2	1p rose	2.50
S.G. 53	3p bright blue	8.50
S.G. 70	3p pale blue	3.75
S.G. 73	3p deep blue	4.25
S.G. 87	3p deep blue	3.25
5	2p lilac	15.00
S.G. 30	2p gray lilac	37.50
5a	2p brown lilac	15.00
7	2p brown lilac	2.50
8	2p yellow brown	2.00
14	2p purple brown	1.50
14	Worn impression	1.50
14	Pair, worn impression	3.00
16a	2p red lilac	1.00
16a	Pair	2.50
17	6p orange	.50
17a	6p red orange	.50
18	1sh blue	1.25
19	2sh green	7.50
25	1sh blue	.75
28	2sh blue on green	.40
29	1p green	2.00
30	6p blue	.25
31	1p yellow green	.90
32	4p vermillion	.50
33	4p rose	.50
33	Pair	1.25
37	1p blue green	1.25
38	2p lilac	.65
38	Pair	1.50
40	1p blue green	1.50
40a	1p yellow green	2.50
41	2p lilac	3.75
42	4p rose	.50
43a	1p yellow green	1.25
46	4p rose	1.25
47	2p dark lilac	.40
49	1p green	1.00
51	1p yellow green	.50
52	2p gray lilac	.50
52a	2p brown lilac	3.15
53	2p gray lilac	1.25
54	2p lilac	1.00
54a	2p gray lilac	1.00
57	3p blue	.75
58	3p claret	2.25

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Stamp Club Activities

Anchorage, Alaska—On January 16, the Anchorage Stamp Club was organized with 14 charter members, and the Secretary Mrs. Wm. Mellish writes that their only claim to fame so far is that they are the "farthest north American stamp club" which we do not doubt. They meet first and third Thursdays at 8 P.M. A large increase in membership is expected since over 6,000 men are encamped at nearby Fort Richardson. B. A. Wennerstom is President and Lt. Col. Earl Landreth is Vice-President. On the opening of the Fort Richardson post office on April 1 the club prepared a printed cachet and mailed covers, for one of which we express our appreciation.

BIPEX—Borough President James J. Lyons has donated the Grand Award for this show which will be held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel May 8 to 11. 140 frames have been reserved. The Helvetia Society will hold a meeting on Saturday afternoon and the War Cover Club on Sunday afternoon. Address inquiries for information to Mortimer DeGroot, Pres., 110 W. 34th St., New York City.

Brattleboro, Vt.—The fifth exhibition of the Brattleboro Stamp club will take place Wednesday and Thursday, April 30 and May 1 at the Hotel Brooks, Brattleboro. The banquet at $1.00 on Wednesday evening will feature awarding of prizes. Dana H. Stafford is Chairman of the exhibition, which will open at 1 P. M. on Wednesday and 10 A. M. on Thursday, closing each evening at 10 P. M. This club meets regularly on second and fourth Tuesday evenings, except during July and August, in the Hotel Brooks parlors.

Cover Collectors of America—Thirty blue ribbons and five grand awards were given exhibitors at the Second Annual Convention of the Cover Collectors of America, held in Tulsa, Okla., April 4-6. First grand award was given to Col. E. A. Wiltsee, San Francisco, for his superb showing of Confederate covers; second grand award went to Robert F. Brinton, West Chester, Pa., for his collection of U. S. postage due and C.O.D. covers dated from 1754 to 1941; third grand award was presented to Louis Klein, Atlantic City, for his Roman States covers. The Don Houseworth trophy for the best exhibit of western material was given to Lee H. Cornell, President of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, Wichita, Kans., for his "ghost town" postmarks on cover. Grover Yeager, Tulsa, took the Air Mail trophy for the best air mail cover exhibit.

Officers for 1941-42 were elected as follows: C.N.A. DeBajligethy, President, (re-elected); L. M. Blakey, First Vice-President; Martin Finkelstein, Second Vice-President; Don Houseworth, Third Vice-President (re-elected); Mrs. R. B. Allport, Secretary-Treasurer (re-elected), 1621 S. Quaker, Tulsa; Al Burns, Traveling Secretary and Publicity Chairman. L. M. Blakey, as Regional Chairman, will announce the names of regional directors as soon as the list is completed. The place selected for next year's annual convention will be announced later.

Fond du Lac (Wis.) Philatelic Society will entertain the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs at the tenth annual convention banquet, bourse, auction and jamboree at the Hotel Retlaw in Fond du Lac on May 2, 3, and 4. This will be the "homecoming" of the Federation, founded March 19, 1932, at the organization convention called by the Fond du Lac society, and since one of the principal aims of the state federation, securing the Wisconsin Tercentenary Stamp, was realized in 1934, the program is set up as a "celebration" of the success of the federation in this and other projects. Russell J. Broderick, junior past president of the S.P.A., is program chairman. Nine clubs sent delegates to the organization convention; during the last fiscal year 28 clubs were in good standing in the federation, and more than 250 attended the 1940 annual banquet at Racine. Chicagoland, always well represented at Wisconsin philatelic meets, had a large delegation at Racine and advance reservations indicate an even larger attendance than usual from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and other states. The exhibition will be the federation's first unclassified show and for the first time is to include a state-wide junior show. Footloose Filatelists, Wisconsin pane, is sponsor of the junior show, donating four cups. In addition to the usual Saturday program culminating in banquet and auction, with "Footloosers" of the Wisconsin, Chicago and SPA panes joining in midnight revels, group sessions will be held Sunday for precancel fans, air mail collectors and members of the various national societies.

Madison, Wisc.—George Morris was recently elected President of the Madison Stamp Club, with Mrs. W. M. Brinkley, 2627 Chamberlain Ave., as Secy-Treas. The officers were installed at the annual banquet held April 19 at which Manuel Hahn of Winnetka, Ill. was speaker. The club will hold meetings through the summer, on the Third Thursday of each month, place not stated.

Pottstown, Pa.—Grand Award in the March exhibition of the Pottstown Stamp Club went to Joseph W. Moyer for his specialized display of 1893 Columbians. The show was largest in the club's history and their eighth. A nicely printed catalogue was issued, containing history of the club and a roster.

Washington, D. C.—August Dietz, Jr., of Richmond has been voted the fourth recipient of the Michael L. Eidsness, Jr. trophy in recognition of his lifetime study of Confederate States postal history. Formal presentation will be made at a meeting of the Washington Philatelic Society, Wednesday, May 7.

● Harold F. Ambrose, head of the Division of Information of the Post Office Department since 1933 has been appointed senior administrative assistant to Postmaster General Walker, The *Washington Sunday Star* reports.

● The post office of Border City, N. Y. will close at end of April or May, Mrs. Alice H. Dibble advises. This office is located just outside the limits of Geneva, N.Y.

Unique Confederate Discovered

One of the most unusual Confederate Provisional Covers to come up at auction in a long time was recently uncovered in Texas. The cover has been in the possession of an old Southern family since the Civil War and was given to the present owner by a great aunt who is a daughter of the "John Smith" referred to on the cover.

It is a small Confederate patriotic cover with 11-star flag in colors, dated Nashville Tenn. July 2, 1861 with handstamp provisional 5c Scott's #61XU3, but with an *additional surcharge* "10" in blue over "PAID 5."

The cover was sent to August Dietz, eminent authority on Confederate Stamps who has described it as "an outstanding example" of a handstamped provisional.

Dietz states: "We might almost call it a 'Double Provisional'. It is an exceptionally fine item." Mr. Dietz, after endorsing the rarity, announced it will be listed in the next Confederate Catalog. The cover will be sold at public auction on May 6th by Ohlman Galleries, 116 Nassau Street, New York City.

● Total expenditure for printing U. S. postage stamps during the 1939-40 fiscal year was $1,734,268.98. Stamped envelopes cost $2,335,844.12 and postal cards $929,540.64.

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Postal Savings Designs

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker made public last week the description of the postal savings stamps that are to be placed on sale at approximately 16,000 post offices on May 1, 1941, in connection with the sale of national defense savings bonds.

These stamps, which are to be 75/100 by 87/100 inches with the exception of the $5.00 stamp, which is to be 1-44/100 inches by 1-82/100 inches, will be vertically arranged. The respective denominations will be 10c, red; 25c, green; 50c, blue; $1.00, orange and $5.00, brown. The official description follows:—

"The same general design is used throughout the series. At the left of the stamps is a reproduction of the statue entitled 'The Minute Man' by Daniel Chester French at Concord, Massachusetts. In the upper part of the stamps at the right, arranged in three lines, is the inscription 'America on Guard' in Gothic lettering the same color as the stamps. At the lower edge of the stamps in similar lettering and arrangement is the inscription 'U. S. Postal Savings 1941.' In a circular panel with solid background between the upper and lower inscriptions is the denomination designation in white."

An initial printing order for 200,000,000 of these stamps in the several denominations has been placed with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The new postal savings stamps will be on sale at all first, second and third class post offices as well as some 400 post offices of the fourth class.

● New naval branches of New York City ordered established recently include Detachment B, First Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force; U. S. S. Stringham; U. S. S. Colhoun and U. S. S. Meredith.

● Miami, Fla. uses a hand applied postmark converted from "AIR MAIL FIELD" by cutting out the "FIELD" leaving a large gap between the wording. Copy noted by Adam Gruenig.

$650 For Black Cape Triangle

H. R. Harmer, Inc. advise that the copy of the 6 pence Cape of Good Hope in black instead of the normal blue brought $650 at their April 10 auction sale. The stamp is one of the very few copies known of this mystery stamp, and among the finest specimens.

Machine Cancel Error

For some time Salt Lake City, Utah, has been using a machine cancellation which reads "SAIT LAKE CITY." Adam Gruenig of Ceres, Calif. noted this and inquired of the postmaster. His office replied under date of April 4 that a new die had consequently been requested but until its arrival the misspelled die would continue in use. Close examination of the impression indicates the letter "I" is very likely a broken "L" since there is more space between the "I" and "T" than would be normal.

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BROADWAY Chatter

One of the surprises of the past few weeks has been the large quantities of Coronations sold. A number of wholesalers told me that as fast as bought, they sold them. Of course these stamps did not come anywhere near their former high price levels, and are still sold below face value. But it won't be long until the "speculative stocks" have been completely exhausted and then the set will come back.

Wholesale stocks of used airmails have been sadly depleted by the current demand for this type of material. In many instances used copies are selling above the Catalogue quotations. I know the metropolitan dealers aren't so generous with their discounts on airmails. The main source of new supplies for used airmails is South America.

Well another set in honor of the New York World Fair made its belated appearance. A semi-official triangular airmail set from Porto Rico made its appearance. This set is a local job. It will not be recognized by Scott as U. S. stamps are the only real postage to be used by this possession of ours. However, Sanabria may catalogue it as a semi-official set.

This being Easter week, and in addition the baseball season having opened, a very quiet stamp week in New York resulted. (Editor's Note: At this time of the year the grandmothers of a surprising number of dealers not unexpectedly pass away.)

It's A.P.O. 801 Now

On April 16 the name of the American Forces in Newfoundland Branch, New York, N. Y. changed its name to American Base Forces, A. P. O. 801 Branch, New York, N. Y. The change in designation to Army Post Office recalls the use of numbers such as these in the last war. The 800 series of A. P. O. post marks was used in 1918 by American forces in Europe.

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Auction Reports

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H. R. Harmer, Inc. advise a few prices realized at their April 8-9 sale: a 6d rouletted Cape Triangular, used, $56; a 6d De La Rue print triangular cataloguing $15 sold for $48; a 100 rupee Ceylon unused catalogued $55 brought $35; a Western Australia 6d (cat. $60) at $65; a collection of unused British Colonials realized $805.00. For further descriptions of lots we refer readers to the catalogues.

Los Angeles Column

The Los Angeles Examiner has joined the growing number of newspapers with a weekly stamp column. DeLos E. Brandon, a collector of wide experience and well known in Southern California philatelic circles is conducting the Sunday column.

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NEW HIGHWAY POST OFFICE Covers with prize winning, two color cachet-designed by Staehle, well known philatelic artist. Indianapolis to South Bend May 3rd. See Linn's Weekly Stamp News April 5th issue page #364 for picture of the cover. Two covers, one each way, only 25c. 5 sets $1.00. Covers will be franked with recent Pony Express stamp. Fleetwood Cover Service, Mount Vernon, N. Y. (52)

THE H. P. O. CARRIES ON. Newest cog in our postal system—the Highway Post Office. And, out of Indianapolis on May 3rd rolls the second of the motorized post offices on inaugural run to South Bend. Pair of north and southbound "firsts" in our own bicolor cachet with Pony Express commemorative—20c. Deadline April 28. Fireside Shop, Box 14—B, South Station, Yonkers, N. Y. (*)

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U. S. AND FOREICN sets sent on approval, including the new issues. Satisfaction assured. References please. Want lists filled. Arlington Stamp Co., 1000 Nineteenth Street South, Arlington, Va. (60)

ABSOLUTELY FREE, Scott's Junior Loose Leaf Album (list $6.00) after you purchase $12.00 from our approvals. Send for particulars. Marvella Co., 512L Burt Bldg., Dallas, Texas. (56)

FREE 7 AZERBAIJAN to applicants for our choice approvals at 1/3 catalog. Capitol City Stamp Co., 275 Lark Street, Albany, N. Y.

60,000 FOREICN private collection for sale on approvals from 1c up; also lot of U. S. revenues. A. Brunnlieb, P. O. 367, Morristown, N. J. (53)

606 ALL DIFF., highly commended. $1 with approvals. Ref. Forty-second Street Stamp Shop, Room 1503K, 330 W. 42nd St., New York City. (*)

FOR LATIN AMERICAN bargains send for our approvals and new price list. Hundreds of offers in sets, singles, packets. Francis Lucas, 629 So. Campbell, Springfield, Mo.

APPROVALS — U. S.

UNITED STATES want lists filled. Davison, Box 568H, Manchester, N. H. (52)

AUCTIONS

THE SECOND PART of the late Browne's Stamp estate sale will be held May 20th. Ask for the catalog. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa. (53)

MAY 20TH British, French, Portugal Colonies and General Foreign. Leo Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Michigan. (53)

FOR SALE — FOREIGN

BRITISH COLONIAL'S catalogue $8.00—$1.50. Returnable. Sharrott, 1039 Grassmere, Far Rockaway, N. Y. (52)

ABOUT 300 DIFF. foreign stamps 20c. Two packs 35c. (coins). A. Brunnlieb, P. O. 367, Morristown, N. J.

PERU 25 DIFFERENT, strong in recent issues, and big pictorials, 10c. N. Ennis, Arcade, N. Y. (54)

100 STAMPS from all over the world 13 cents postpaid. Jungkind, Box 806L Little Rock, Arkansas. (54*)

FOR SALE — U. S.

1 LB. HIGH VALUES $1.00, plus postage. Returnable. Maples, 197 Maple Ave., Irvington, N. J. (56)

400 LARGE COMMEMORATIVES over 50 varieties $1.00; 75 different commems. 28c. Reynolds Stampco., Flint, Michigan. (56)

FINE USED: #300-307 (8 stamps) 35c; #205 - 10c; #211 - 15c; #216 - 11c; #225 - 13c; #328 - 11c; #537 - 16c; #644 - 14c; #650 - 21c. Postage extra under $1.00. Wright Stamps, 620 Second St., Valley City, North Dakota. (55)

STARTLING OFFER MINT SETS—Aeronautics 26c; Edison 22c; Army 20c; Navy 20c; Hawaii 52c; Territorial 16c; Tipex 21c; All $1.65. Mint stamps accepted. Roy Lloyd, 3211 Brunswik, Drexel Hill, Penna. (54*)

103 ALL DIFFERENT U. S. stamps 33 cents postpaid. Jungkind, Box 806L, Little Rock, Arkansas. (54*)

NATIONAL DEFENSE Plate Number blocks 1c - 10c; 2c - 15c; 3c - 20c. Most positions available. Charles Demuth, 644 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. (52&54*)

LARGE U. S. COLLECTION of regular postage issues, commemoratives, revenues, stamped covers, etc. N. Rehbein, Larsen, Wisconsin.

#212 MINT 15c.—For unused covers and stamps visit Harry Strauss, 545 Fifth Avenue, N. York. (56)

SPECIAL SURPRISE package for only 10c postpaid. Returnable if not satisfactory. Edward Kibbee, 2009 South Tenth Ave. Maywood, Illinois.

MISCELLANEOUS

WASHINGTON BICENTENNIALS. Good set, beautiful toy aeroplane, both 11c. Meitzen, Fayetteville, Texas. (64

AMERICAN PHILATELIC Society—50 yrs. old, 5,000 members world-wide. $300,000.00 Sales Dept. 100 page monthly journal free to members. Largest, oldest, collectors' society. Explanatory booklet free. Col. Ralph Kimble, 8118 Dante, Chicago, Ill. (eow*)

MIXTURES

500 ASSORTED Latin American, many pictorials, $1.00. 100 assorted U. S. cat. $5.00, none damaged, 45c. Two pounds unpicked U. S. mission mixture, $1.00. Al. Johnson, 727, North Foote Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado.

PUBLICATIONS

STAMP BOOKS, Catalogs, Magazines of the World, sold. Definitely state your interest. Rozmin, 3622L South Union, Chicago. (tf*)

RARE COINS

FREE foreign coin, banknote and large 36 page illustrated coin catalogue to approval service applicants. Send 3c postage. Tatham Coinco, Springfield, 110, Mass. (tf*)

COINS, MEDALS, papermoney. Lists free. Nagy, 8 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, (E) Penna. (53

WANTED

FAIR PRICES paid for collections, accumulations. U. S. Foreign. Minimum shipment $10.00. Walter Gisiger, 200 Broadway, New York. (tf*)

UNUSED POSTAGE WANTED—1c-3c, 95%; 4c-50c, 92%; Gardner, 30-72, 45th Street, Astoria, L. I., N. Y. (tf*)

PHILATELIC BOOKS, bound volumes of old stamp periodicals, and other philatelic material wanted for our reference library. Linprint Products will be exchanged for items not already in our library. Write before sending. Linn's Weekly Stamp News, 531 N. Park St., Columbus, Ohio.

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OHIO RAILROAD items such as old tickets, passes and other printed matter wanted. Will exchange stamps and covers. Also want Official Travelers (timetable) Guides 1860-1925. R. Richardson, c/o Linprint Inc., 531 N. Park St. Columbus, O.

WHOLESALE

1941 WHOLESALE CATALOGUE Free. Eighty pages and Monthly Supplements. Empire Stamp, Dept. 10, Toronto, Canada. (tf*)

STAMP DEALERS—READ World's Largest Stamp-Trade Journal. 21 issues. $1.00. Stamp Wholesaler, Burlington, Vermont. (60)

NEW WHOLESALE CATALOG just out! Write today. Frank Knina, 48 West 48th Street, New York City.

New Books Received

Who's Who on the Postage Stamps of Brazil, by Rogelio E. Alfaro, 19 pages 8½x11, mimeographed, paper bound, illustrated by insert halftone sheet, price 10c of the publisher, The Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. Third in the series of Who's Who this one imitates in format and contents the preceding editions which were reviewed here. Foreword is by the Ambassador of Brazil, Carlos Martins. 53 persons have been depicted on Brazilian stamps, many of whom are not mentioned in standard encyclopedias in use in the U. S. Information on some of the persons depicted has previously been almost impossible for the average collector to secure. To philately Brazil is well known as the first American republic to issue postage stamps.

Postage Centennial—Pan American Jubilee Issues, 54 pages 5½x8, illustrated, paper bound, published by the New York Sun and sold through their Service Department, 280 Broadway, New York City at 10c. This is the Sun's newest philatelic handbook. As the title indicates it reviews stamp issues for the Postage Stamp Centenary and the 50th anniversary of the Pan American Union. Each issue of each country is discussed in a separate chapter which tells background, origin of design, quantities, errors and varieties if any, date and place issued. In addition there are chapters on the first half dozen countries to issue postage stamps, these being written by various collectors. Though authorship of the balance of the handbook is not stated, we assume Franklin R. Bruns, Stamp Editor of the Sun complied this interesting and timely data.

"Billy" Stone Library

George T. Turner, 37 King St., New York, N. Y. advises that he has purchased the library of the late "Uncle Billy" Stone, which was a very large collection of philatelic books and periodicals. He lacks many numbers to complete volumes, but is attempting to fill these gaps. The library filled shelves from floor to ceiling of an ordinary size room.

● These post offices will close on April 30; Verbank Village, N. Y.; Hartland and Three Churches, W. Va.; East Winn, and Seboomook, Me.; Nishu, N. D.; and Frisco, Okla.

● The Shanghai post office, according to the *Asia Stamp Journal*, sells the current stamps overprinted for Chinese provinces, but only a single copy of each stamp to each applicant for the purpose of comparison with stamps obtained from other sources.

● Judge—"So you two young fellows have been quarreling over who has the best stamp collection. Can't this be settled out of court?"
Jimmy—"Sure and that's just what we were doing when the police stopped us!"

● Someone got in a hurry at the Watsonville, Calif., post office on February 22 and placed the date die inverted in the cancelling machine.—Specimen from Adam Gruenig.

By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

NARROWS HERE.

Hoover Bros. mention three items that are a definite reality now. The 1c Chicago was first out (not mentioned if Defense or President), 2c Louisville was second, and a 1c President from Jersey City was third. The Louisville was a Defense. You can start all over now and scratch all the more for the wide types you missed.

NEW YORK ROUNDUP.

The New York Precancel Stamp Club will hold a Roundup May 2, 3 and 4 at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 23rd St. and 8th Ave. N.Y.C. The usual big time with a bourse and all, and an extra special souvenir. The third edition of the Double Line Catalog is slated to make its appearance at the meet. Orders are being taken now for this book I understand.

NOTES.

The ESPC came in with a 1c Defense from Terminal Island Calif.---The ESPC lists the new bureaus issued from Dec. 1, 1940 to March 1, 1941. At that time the Minden Nebr. coil was the last and 943rd new buro to be issued. This list includes Defense items. Of course there are many more by now and the list must be around one thousand items. ---Mr. Chas. Roudebush of Norwood sends me an Ohio town which the "bugs" might have missed. ROSSMOYNE, in U-121N type.---3c Kansas City Mo. Defense, small, integral handstamp with the initials NBH. ---The OPTIMIST in with a 1c Evanston Defense in U12.---The Optimist says the 1c Chicago NARROW is a President.

MARCH PRECANCELED POSTAGE STAMPS.

Berkeley, Calif., 1c coil; Los Angeles, Calif., 1c coil; Washington, D. C., 1½c sheet; Atlanta, Ga., 8c sheet; Chicago, Ill., 1c sheet; Mendota, Ill., 1c coil; Fort Wayne, Ind., 1c coil; Knox, Ind., 1c sheet; South Bend, Ind., 1c sheet; Des Moines, Iowa, ½c sheet; Louisville, Ky., ½, 1, 2c sheet; New Orleans, La., 1c coil; Elkton, Md., 1c coil; Lansing, Mich., 1c coil; Muskegon, Mich., 1c coil; Saint Paul, Minn., 10c sheet; Clinton, Mo., 1c sheet; Kansas City, Mo., 1c sheet; Saint Louis, Mo., 1c sheet and 1, 1½c coils; Frenchtown, N. J., 1c coil; Jersey City, N. J., 1c sheet; Albany, N. Y., 1c coil; Buffalo, N. Y., 4½c sheet; Flushing, N. Y., 1c sheet; Monticello, N. Y., ½c sheet; New York, N. Y., ½, 1, 4½c sheet and 1c coil; Syracuse, N. Y., 1c sheet and 1c coil; Fargo, N. Dak., 1c coil; Dayton, Ohio, 2c coil; Portland, Oreg., 1c, 1½c sheet; Lewistown, Pa., 1c sheet; Warren, Pa., 1c sheet; Providence, R. I., 1c coil; Nashville, Tenn., 1½c coil; Seattle, Wash., 1c coil; Tacoma, Wash., 1c sheet; Fort Atkinson, Wis., 1c coil.

Note: The official release does not indicate that any of these precancels are on the Defense issue. It does not say that they are all "narrows", but on the release last month it was stated that all precancels shipped after March 1, 1941, would be from precanceling plates of the new design.

—Rolston Lyon.

Additional Post Offices Authorized during March to Sell Precanceled Stamps.

Huxford, Ala.; Elaine, Ark.; La Canada, Calif.; Crested Butte, Colo.; Largo, Fla.; Safety Harbor, Fla.; Baldwin, Ill.; Caberry, Ill.; Carlock, Ill.; Montgomery, Ill.; Triumph, Ill.; Bellmore, Ind.; Birdseye, Ind.; Brook, Ind., Dyer, Ind.; Bondurant, Iowa; Greely, Iowa; Latimer, Iowa; Monmouth, Iowa; Riverside, Iowa; Victor, Iowa; Hunnewell, Kans.; Jena, La.; Yarmouth, Maine; Dover, Mass.; Big Lake, Minn.; Delano, Minn.; Halstad, Minn.; Lake Wilson, Minn.; Ponsford, Minn.; Holly Bluff, Miss.; Sanatorium, Miss.; Shelby, Miss.; Tchula, Miss.; Waveland, Miss.; Licking, Mo.; Rocheport, Mo.; Speed, Mo.; Livingston, Mont.; Atkinson, Nebr.; Cedar Creek, Nebr.; Edgar, Nebr.; Troy, N. Hamp.; Tuckerton, N. J.

East Randolph, N. Y.; Millbrook, N. Y.; Port Crane, N. Y.; Tuxedo Park, N. Y.; Boone, N. Car.; Maxton, N. Car.; Berwick, N. Dak.; New Leipzig, N. Dak.; Parshall, N. Dak.; Verendrye, N. Dak.; Aurora Station, Ohio; Byesville, Ohio; Yorkshire, Ohio; Grandfield, Okla.; Garibaldi, Oregon; Secane, Pa.; Tremont, Pa.; Easley, S. Car.; West Columbia, S. C.; Bison, S. Dak.; Alcoa. Tenn.; Charleston, Tenn.; Dover, Tenn.; Friendship, Tenn.; Linden, Tenn.; Oakdale, Tenn.; Petersburg, Tenn.; Pikeville, Tenn.; Sunbright, Tenn.; Waverly, Tenn.; Woodbury, Tenn.; Petrolia, Texas; Silverton, Texas; Britol, Vt.; Calais, Vt.; Glen Dale, West Va.; Moorefield, West Va.; Pineville, West Va.; Arpin, Wis.; Athens, Wis.; Somerset, Wis.

—Rolston Lyon

Red Cross Auction

On April 30 and May 1 will be held the donation auction at London for the Red Cross and St. John's funds. These two organizations have been providing various forms of war-relief throughout not only England but the balance of the empire. The 701 lots include many rare items. King George VI gave a set of artists drawings in colors of the current Gilbert & Ellice series. The catalogue is available at one shilling from the Secretary of the Fund, W. H. Skipwith, 23, Carlton House Terrace, London, S. W. 1, England. Leading British auction firms assisted in preparation of the catalogue.

● The average cost of the air mail service in 1940 was 31.6 cents per mile. The original 1918 service cost 85c per mile, with the highest cost of operation being reached in 1919 when the cost was $4.48 per mile flown.

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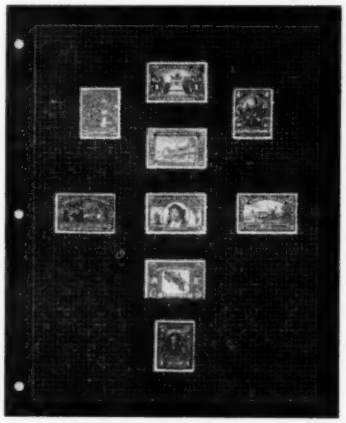
THE "BLACKOUT"



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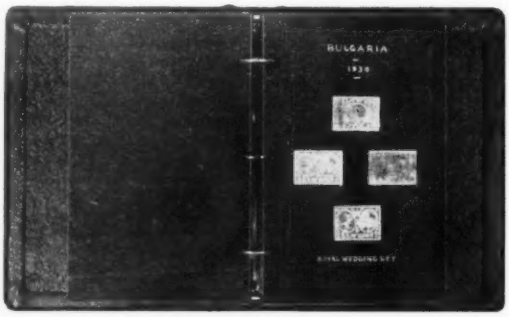

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